

Abstract

Apparatus and a method for temporarily disconnecting a cellular customer from a simple, three-way, or multi-party, calling connection. During the time of the disconnection, the disconnected customer can make another call; for example, to obtain information required in order to proceed with the initial call. The customer can then be re-connected on the initial call. The customer signals a request for the disconnect and the re-connect by dialing a special directing code, followed by the "Send" key. The directing code is interpreted by the Mobile Switching Center (MSC) to establish the required connections. Advantageously, this arrangement allows customers on simple connection or on three-way connections to interrupt a call in order to make a consulting call.